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**MAY 8, 1945:** The day war came to an end in Europe



# V for victory

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Exactly 70 years ago, crowds lined the streets of Kingston to celebrate victory in Europe – and then proceeded to mill about aimlessly.

Though the streets were decorated to mark the Allies' triumph there were no official events planned.

As our sister newspaper the Surrey Comet reported the following day: "Thunder – lightning – storm – then one of the brightest of English spring mornings, all the fresher to the eye and the senses for the climatic upheaval of the night before. Thus was Victory in Europe presaged, thus did it break in Kingston and district. It was symbolic.

"But for hundreds in Kingston and other towns locally the day, apart from being a holiday, was a flop. There were no official ceremonies to focus the enthusiasm of the

large crowds, which gathered first in front of the municipal offices. They were left flat, disappointed, and all that remained for them was to wander about the streets.

"Deprived of any opportunity to celebrate as they wished to, thousands invaded the stations and flocked to London, there, with tens of thousands of others, to let loose their pent-up feelings."

However, the Comet noted, the "little streets" did well with tea parties and Churchill's victory speech piped over loudspeakers.

In Sycamore Grove, New Malden, some 100 children enjoyed cakes baked by neighbours in celebration.

Julie Middleditch, who lived in Cardinal Avenue, Kingston, said: "I remember the street party, with a big line of trestle tables out in the street. We had jellies and blancmange, fish paste sandwiches and jam tarts. There was a fancy dress competition and I won second prize as Miss America."



**Celebrations: The oldest guest at a victory party in Clifton Road, Kingston, Mrs T Harwood, 90, left, held the youngest, two-week-old Nigel Thackery; Children in Hook received gifts from the American Junior Red Cross, right**

Courtesy of Digital Drama

Douglas Reynolds, also of Kingston, was on active service with the RAF near Burma on VE Day.

He said: "As you can well imagine, we thought it would be a very good occasion to have a drink, but we had no alcohol in the squadron."

"We used to fly all over the place, so it was quite easy for the officers to take a plane and disappear and come back again, and they brought back drinks so we could celebrate."

Disabled war veterans at the Royal Star and Garter home in Richmond toasted King George VI and Queen consort Elizabeth before sitting down to a celebratory lunch of roast

beef and Yorkshire pudding.

There were mixed emotions – victory had been declared, but the residents had lost much.

The Richmond home was decked out in bunting and flags, and a toast was raised to King George, Queen Elizabeth and Queen Mary to mark their "sterling services rendered during the great struggle".

The victory celebrations are the subject of VE Day Remembered, a free audio-visual installation at the Rose Theatre, open until Saturday, May 23.

Visitors to the exhibition, compiled by multimedia production company Digital Drama, can step inside an

Anderson shelter to hear the memories of residents.

Pupils from Milbourne Lodge school in Esher were among the first to get a glimpse of the new exhibit.

After stepping inside the Anderson shelter, decorated with photos from the era, they watched a performance of The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas.

Head of English Sara Ashford said her pupils were "very moved" by the tale of a child who befriends a boy through the fence of a concentration camp.

She said: "Because the children playing those parts were probably about our children's age, that was really effective."



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# QUEEN'S HEAD: Petition launched to save town boozer from property developers

## Yet another pub under threat

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A campaign to save a historic Kingston pub has been launched amid fears it could fall into the hands of property developers.

Despite several rebrands, management changes and thousands of pounds of investment, operator Punch Taverns is cutting its losses and selling the Queen's Head in Richmond Road – for an asking price of about £1.6m.

And now there is concern the pub could end up as a block of flats, a supermarket – or just stand empty like the nearby Richmond Park Tavern.

Frankie Kearns, of the Park Brewery, a micro-brewery in Elm Road, said: "People are worried it will be flats."

"We went to look at it partly out of curiosity, but also because it has a stable out the back, which could make a beautiful brewery."

"We talked about the possibility of running a brewery with somebody else running the pub and some funding."

"But we feel that it will go to the developers unless someone has the time and energy to put together a

community bid."

An online petition calling for the pub to be registered as a community asset has so far gained more than 300 signatures.

It states: "The public house is currently up for sale and the local community reject the threat of the potential closure and purchase by property developers."

It added: "We have already lost at least two local pubs over the years, the Richmond Park and the Alexandra Tavern are no more."

"Camra suggests that as many as 29 pubs are closing every week."

"Six hundred have already been listed as assets of community value and therefore protected. Hopefully we will be able to add the Queen's Head to that list with your help."

Glen Keywood, chairman of Burton Road, Richmond Park and Gibbon Road Residents' Association, tweeted: "A shame, but no surprise."

"Constant mismanagement – too big – whole place needs a rethink. It should thrive."

Andree Frieze tweeted: "Really don't want it standing empty like the Richmond Park Tavern."

The Queen's Head was originally built in the 1890s in

response to the opening of Kingston station.

Over the years it had its name changed to Eddie Ryan's and the Owl and the Pussycat.

In 2012 Punch Taverns spent £350,000 on refurbishing the pub in a bid to attract more customers.

Last June the pub was taken over by Ian and Elle Betchley, who renamed it the Queen's Gastro Bar, with an emphasis on a "relaxed, family atmosphere".

A spokesman from Punch Taverns did not rule out offers from property developers, but said: "Following a detailed review of our estate and the historical performance of the pub, a decision was made to put the freehold of the Queen's Head on the open market for sale."

"There have been a number of offers to purchase the property, including offers from pub operators."

"We are now considering those offers."

To sign the petition, visit [you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/save-the-queens-head-public-house-kingston-upon-thames](http://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/save-the-queens-head-public-house-kingston-upon-thames).



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Uncertain future:  
Queen's Head  
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**PURSE PINCH:** A woman has been ordered to pay £250 compensation after she admitted stealing purses from John Lewis in Kingston. Cindy Smith, 25, of Tolworth Rise North, stole four purses worth £356, in March. She was sentenced at Wimbledon Magistrates' Court on Tuesday, May 5.

**OVER THE LIMIT:** A man has been banned from driving for three years after he was caught over the alcohol limit in Kingston. Shomari McIntosh, 22, of Eglinton Hill, Greenwich, was caught in his Mini in Sury Basin last month. He was also ordered to pay a criminal courts charge of £150, a fine of £110, costs of £85 and a £20 surcharge.

**HENRY FISHER:** A memorial service for a former Beverley School headmaster will take place on Saturday. Henry Fisher, who died last year, was headmaster of the school, since renamed Coombe Boys, from 1960 to 1984. The service will start at 1pm in St James' Church, Bodley Road, on Saturday, May 16.

**WAR HONOUR:** A plaque will be unveiled at Surbiton war memorial to commemorate Victoria Cross recipient Douglas Belcher. The former Tiffin School pupil and lance sergeant was given the nation's highest award for valour for his heroism at Ypres in 1915. The ceremony will take place in Ewell Road on Saturday, May 16, from 2.30pm.

**YOUTH ARTS:** Kingston's seventh International Youth Arts Festival (IYAF) is launching on Monday. The launch party at the old post office will give people a taste of what this year's IYAF has to offer. For launch party details email [maria@creativeyouthcharity.org](mailto:maria@creativeyouthcharity.org). Visit [iyafestival.org.uk](http://iyafestival.org.uk).

## Bank raises alarm over fraudster who stole £192k from elderly man

A con man who scammed a pensioner out of nearly £200,000 has been jailed after a suspicious bank manager raised the alarm.

Ashley Challis, 24, from Leicestershire, convinced an elderly man he was carrying out building work on his home that in fact had not taken place.

That was until manager Jack Makins, from Lloyds TSB's Surbiton branch, called detectives after growing suspicious about the "confused" pensioner's cash withdrawals – which totalled £192,000 over five months.

Mr Makins said: "It is great that the team here were able to help our customer and alert the police to this case."

"We are always vigilant and on the lookout for suspicious activity, and it is important that if a customer thinks they may have fallen victim to a scam, that they contact us so we can help out as quickly as possible."

Kingston police said the complex investigation began with the elderly man's complaint in October 2013 and ended last Thursday when Challis, who had been arrested in Leicestershire, was jailed for 16 months.

A police spokesman said: "The investigation was complex with a number of leads to follow up on all over the country."

"The case shows strong determination from Kingston's detectives investigating a complex matter that took a number of months to locate and deal with."

A Lloyds spokesman said: "Lloyds bank takes the security of its customers very seriously."

"We invest heavily in educating our customers about scams both through direct messages and via Government and industry initiatives."

"Where customers believe they may have fallen victim to a scam they should

contact us as soon as possible so that we can work with them to assess their individual circumstances."

Challis admitted money laundering, and was jailed for 16 months at Kingston Crown Court on Thursday, May 7.



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## Kitchen blaze

New Malden firefighters were called to a kitchen fire on Thursday morning.

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## OFSTED INSPECTION: Quality of teaching under fire at £8,000-a-year private school School is told 'must do better'

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An £8,000-a-year independent school has been told it needs to improve by Ofsted inspectors.

Westbury House School, for children aged three to 11, was inspected by Ofsted over two days in March.

A report found the quality of teaching, achievement of pupils and the leadership and management all required improvement.

The school, in Westbury Road, New Malden, was previously rated good when it was inspected in November 2011.

Strengths identified at Westbury House included good achievements in English, good early years provision and pupils' behaviour and safety.

But pupils' progress in mathematics was "too slow", while procedures to monitor pupil progress and staff performance were "not sufficiently well developed".

To improve, the school was told to speed up rates of progress in mathematics, replace poor quality resources and strengthen leadership, management and quality of teaching.

It was also told to make a

series of changes to bring it in line with independent school standards.

Rosalyn Holiday, acting headteacher at the school, said: "We are disappointed because we don't think it is a fair reflection. It does not seem to understand what we do as a school."

"But we are working on improvements - we were in the process of improving even before they came. It is a shame they came before they could see the results. We know what we need to fix."

"The school is still sending children to their first choice secondary school - a measure of success."

"We were good before and we want to be outstanding."

She said she did not believe the report was "factually accurate".

Bob Stapley, London regional secretary for the National Union of Teachers, said: "Ofsted is a blunt instrument for bringing about school improvement."

"Their reports represent only a snapshot of the work being undertaken in a school. Inspections are short and undertaken at short notice."

"We believe that schools should engage in ongoing self-evaluation and improvement based upon the professional



Needs to improve: Westbury House School in New Malden

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judgement of those with the deepest knowledge of the school and its pupils.

"I have never known a school community that did not want to improve outcomes for pupils. This comes from the contribution of hardworking teachers, school leadership,

support staff and parents.

"It is to be hoped that harsh Ofsted judgements do not undermine the confidence of parents in a school and the partnership between parents and teachers which is fundamental to achieving good outcomes for pupils."

Westbury House was founded almost 50 years ago and currently has 104 pupils.

From September, the school will increase its fees to £3,060-a-term for early-years pupils, £3,160-a-term for key stage 1 pupils, and £3,360-a-term for key stage 2 pupils.

**PERFUME THIEF:** A man has been fined £75 after he admitted stealing two perfume gift boxes, worth £144, from John Lewis in Kingston. Liam Gilmartin, 26, of Sutton, was also ordered to pay £57 compensation, a surcharge of £20 and £40 costs at Wimbledon Magistrates' Court on Thursday, April 30.

**ORDER BREACH:** A sex offender has been fined £200 for texting a boy in contravention of a sexual offences prevention order. John Butcher, of New Malden, was also ordered to pay a £20 victim surcharge and £85 costs at Wimbledon Magistrates' Court on April 30.

**DOOR SMASH:** A teenager has been fined £50 and ordered to pay £200 compensation after he smashed up the front door of a Berrylands home. Matthew Goddard, 19, of Fareham, Hampshire, admitted criminal damage. He was also ordered to pay £50 costs and a £150 criminal courts charge on April 30.

**DRINK-DRIVING:** A Walton teenager has been fined £150 and banned from driving for a year after he was caught over the alcohol limit. Bruce Jones, 19, of Scholars Place, admitted the April offence, and was ordered to pay a £20 surcharge, a £150 criminal courts charge and £50 costs at Wimbledon Magistrates' Court on April 30.

**BAR REVIEW:** Kingston nightspot Barcadia's licence will be up for review next week. Councillors will debate the future of the Clarence Street bar on Tuesday, from 7.30pm, in Guildhall. The licence was put up for review after it let two underage girls in - one who used an expired 18-year-old's passport and was later allegedly raped.

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# Supermarket's above-market-price bid to residents Lidl's special offers to buy nearby homes

REPORTER

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Lidl in Chessington has approached nearby residents with above-market-value offers to buy their homes in a suspected expansion plan.

The Leatherhead Road store, built in 2008, has proved even more popular than the German company envisioned, with parking being a particular issue.

The Chessington District Residents' Association has said residents of Sussex Gardens, behind the shop, have been approached by the chain.

Chairman Jim Taylor said: "The people concerned have come and spoken to us.

"They [Lidl] are trying to buy properties in Sussex Gardens. They've been offering full market price, plus 10 per cent.

"That didn't seem to go down very well. They came back with the offer of buying half their gardens on the same principle.

"They seem eager to expand their parking area, but aren't being able to at the moment.

"All we know at the moment is that the Lidl's popularity has outstripped its space, and it's got to have more deliveries, for which it got permission.

"It doesn't have sufficient parking space to accommodate the customers that want to use it.

"This causes a bit of chaos out in the road. As they try to come

**Offers: The Lidl supermarket in Leatherhead Road in Chessington**  
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in and leave they get all tangled up, especially when they go towards the south."

A Lidl spokeswoman said: "As part of Lidl UK's ongoing expansion plans we are always looking at different ways to improve our existing stores, which will often include researching opportunities to acquire additional land."

Lidl has previously faced complaints over the increased volume of its deliveries to Leatherhead Road, particularly from residents living above the store.

As a result of its unexpected success, the store was breaching its planning consent by having three stock deliveries a day instead of one.

Last year it successfully applied to increase the number of deliveries per day.

Lidl also owns the site of the former Organ and Dragon pub in Ewell, and last year unsuccessfully tried to buy homes surrounding the land.

A planning application for the site is yet to be submitted to Epsom and Ewell Council.

## Apartments plan for former register office

The place where generations of births, deaths and marriages have been registered in Kingston appears destined to become an apartment block.

The first prospective planning application to turn Kingston register office in Coombe Road into flats has been submitted to Kingston Council.

Although the Victorian-era building – valued at more than £1.5m – has not yet

been sold, Wimbledon-based developers Indigo Planning have put in speculative plans to convert the ground and first floors into nine self-contained homes.

A response date to the proposal has been set as June 1. Kingston Council put the office up for sale in March to generate money for the capital programme.

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# Early starter saves woman from river

REPORTER

**RACHAEL BURFORD**rachael.burford@  
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A police officer on his way to work saved a young woman from drowning after deciding to leave home 10 minutes earlier than usual.

Sergeant Steve Rees, 50, was cycling to his morning shift just before 6am on Saturday when something caught his eye on Kingston Bridge.

Minutes later he was rescuing a troubled woman who had jumped from the bridge and into the freezing Thames water below.

He said: "I saw something out of the corner of my eye going over the side of the bridge. At first I thought it was a bird or fox, but I went to have a look because it was a bit unusual.

"When I got up to the bridge I saw the girl on the ledge. She was obviously extremely distressed."

Despite Sgt Rees' efforts he was unable to talk the woman down from the bridge.

He said: "I was trying to convince her to come down, but she didn't want to talk. I was on the phone to the police and she just jumped in.

"It was quite a height and I could see her struggling in the



Rescue: Steve Rees, right, was at Kingston Bridge

water and floating towards the shops by the side of the river caught in the stream.

"All I could see was the top of her head. I thought she was not going to get out alive."

Sgt Rees jumped on his bike and followed her downstream before grabbing a life ring, throwing it in the river and pulling her out.

He said: "She got just close enough to the edge for me to grab her and pull her out. She was freezing. I thought she had hypothermia. I put her on a bench and that's when the other police officers turned up."

The woman, believed to be in her early 20s, was taken to St George's Hospital in Tooting.

And despite his heroics, Sgt Rees still made it to work on time.

Sgt Rees, who has been a police officer for 28 years, said anyone would have done the same thing in his position.

He said: "I was just in the right place at the right time. It was just lucky I left for work a bit early that day."

Kingston borough commander Glenn Tunstall was quick to praise the officer.

He said: "In saving this person's life, Steven has demonstrated the core values of the Metropolitan Police Service and all of his colleagues at Kingston and within the Met detention command are very proud of his actions."

## Brown's old home was in Hook

The music world last week paid tribute to former Hot Chocolate singer Errol Brown, who died at the age of 71.

Known for hits including You Sexy Thing, Every 1's a Winner, So You Win Again and It Started With a Kiss, the band hit their peak in the 1970s and 1980s, with Brown's distinctive soul voice becoming the group's trademark.

What is less known is

that 30 years ago, Brown once lived in Hook, according to a former Kingston councillor.

Mary Reid, from Clayton Road, said: "He lived for a while in that lovely white Victorian house in Hook Road, and I remember him popping in for services on a couple of occasions at St Paul's."

"We looked round the house when we were house hunting and were

very impressed by all the gold discs on the walls."

"It is sad he has died." Brown moved to Britain from Jamaica at the age of 12. He was made an MBE by the Queen in 2003 and received an Ivor Novello award a year later for his outstanding contribution to British music.

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## ELECTION RESULTS

## General

James Berry (Con): 23,249  
 Ed Davey (Lib Dem): 20,415  
 Lee Godfrey (Labour): 8,574  
 Ben Roberts (UKIP): 4,321  
 Clare Keogh (Green): 2,322  
 Daniel Gill (CPA): 198  
 Laurel Fogarty (TUSC): 174  
 Turnout: 59,390 votes cast,  
 137 rejected

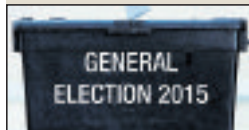
## Byelection, Grove Ward

John Anderson (UKIP): 241  
 Tim Cobbett (Green): 458  
 Jason Hughes (Con): 1,615  
 Rebekah Moll (Lib Dem): 1,653  
 Laurence South (Labour): 853  
 Gabby Thorpe (TUSC): 44  
 Jon Tolley (Independent): 238  
 Turnout: 65.79 per cent

## Tolworth and Hook Rise

Vic Bellamy (UKIP): 514  
 Nik Way (Green): 206  
 Ronak Pandya (Con): 1,579  
 Tom Davies (Lib Dem): 1,729  
 Tony Banks (Labour): 898  
 Dan Celardi (TUSC): 29  
 Mike Briggs (Independent): 120

Turnout: 68.82 per cent



# Back to work after dramatic win

## REPORTER

JON SHARMAN

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Win an election, grab an hour's sleep, and head off for a spot of volunteering.

Kingston's new Conservative MP James Berry marked his first day as a parliamentarian by pitching up to his regular shift as a volunteer at Kingston Hospital.

Mr Berry has been visiting Kingston's Hardy Ward for more than a year, including as part of the dining companions initiative, where volunteers spend lunch-times with patients as a friendly face and a way to relieve pressure on staff.

On Friday he was welcomed back by staff and congratulated on his dramatic victory over Liberal Democrat incumbent Edward Davey.

Five years ago, Prime Minister David Cameron promised Kingston Hospital had a safe future under a Conservative Government.

But this year hospital bosses announced that they had been forced to run the trust at a £15m deficit due to "extreme pressure" from the previous coalition's austerity measures.

Refurbishment of the



Volunteer: New Conservative MP James Berry, with a patient at Kingston Hospital

accident and emergency department has been postponed.

Questioned over Kingston Hospital's current deficit Mr Berry said: "Trusts

shouldn't be running in deficit if [NHS England boss] Simon Stevens' plan [for £8bn extra for the NHS] is fully funded and we have pledged to do that."

"I think it's the duty of a local MP to fight for local NHS services and that's exactly what I will do."

Asked if he would simply toe the party line in the

Commons, as a new MP, he said: "Whatever bill, as an MP, that I'm asked to vote on, I will be scrutinising it [based on] what is suitable for the people of Kingston and Surbiton."

"We're a political party with quite a wide range of views. That's encouraged."

"At the moment what we're trying to do is finish the job."

"That does need some discipline and I'm happy to stand on the Conservative manifesto."

Speaking to Mr Davey's criticism before the vote of his lack of local background, Mr Berry said: "This is just nonsense from the Lib Dems."

"After being selected I moved to the borough and that's where I'm living as the MP."

"This from Westminster thing is completely ridiculous. I'm not from Westminster, I'm from Canterbury."

"It made a lovely line for an attack leaflet."

"Ed Davey is from Nottingham."

First-week priorities included meeting Kingston Council leader Kevin Davis to discuss plans for more primary schools, and lobbying South West Trains over "unsafe" overcrowding at Surbiton, he added.

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# 'Sad day for Kingston'

REPORTER  
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Ed Davey held back tears as he was sensationally ousted from the Kingston and Surbiton seat he had held since 1997 at last week's general election.

The longstanding Liberal Democrat MP – previously the coalition Government's Energy Secretary – lost by more than 2,800 votes to Conservative candidate James Berry.

Both candidates arrived at the count, held at King's Centre in Chessington, shortly before the declaration at 3.30am.

Mr Davey declined to talk to the press before the declaration – which journalists took as an indication he knew what was to come.

But as he left the stage, Mr Davey said: "When I was out canvassing today I had a man tell me 'You'll be fine, Ed'. I wish I had a vote for all the people who told me I would be fine."

"I think we are seeing a national thing here. We have had a very bad

night nationally.

"I am proud to have served the people of Surbiton and Kingston for 18 years.

"I found an awful lot of people wanted to vote for me, but not my party, and what we have now in Britain is a very worrying situation.

"I think there is a huge need in Britain for the strong Liberal voice which we will no longer have.

"Now I am going home to see more of my wife and children."

Asked what he hoped Mr Berry would carry on doing for the Surbiton and Kingston constituents, he said: "The thing I'm most proud of is helping individuals.

"You should understand the problems they are facing. People think it is a rich borough, but there are some people in real need here."

Mr Davey was the 4/9 favourite to keep the seat he had held for 18 years the day before the count.

But by 2am on Friday morning rumours were rife that Mr Berry had pulled off a considerable shock.

Following his win, Mr Berry said: "I'm feeling exhilarated.

"I think we fought a really long and hard campaign. I have spoken to thousands and thousands of residents and I feel that our message got across.

"Ed Davey supported the people of Kingston and Surbiton for 18 years, but at the end of the day the Liberal Democrat Party did not have a message which appealed to the people during this general election.

Councillor Liz Green, leader of the Liberal Democrat opposition, said: "I am gutted, absolutely gutted. Ed has done a lot for this borough and I am wary about how James Berry could do half as much as Ed for this constituency.

"This is a very sad day for Kingston."

Kingston Council leader Kevin Davis said: "I am really pleased for James. I never really thought Ed could topple, but we had a strong majority.

"I have grown to like James."



**Conservative MP Zac Goldsmith was re-elected in Richmond Park and North Kingston with a whopping 23,000 majority in votes. He romped home with 34,404 votes, with Liberal Democrat rival Robin Meltzer a distant second with 11,389. Mr Goldsmith said: "I had hoped with my record locally that I would be given a second term and I am honoured to have been re-elected."**

## POSITIVES

Labour increased its share of the vote in Kingston, seemingly at the expense of Mr Davey and the Lib Dems.

Lee Godfrey took 14 per cent of the vote, a 5 per cent increase on the 2010 election.

Mr Godfrey said: "This is a positive result for us.

"We have increased our vote and this gives us a good start for the mayoral elections and the locals in 2018."

UKIP's Ben Roberts almost tripled his party's share of the vote from 2.5 per cent in 2010 to 7 per cent.

Mr Roberts said: "I am really proud to have managed to get more than 4,000 people out to vote for me and for UKIP – a party going in the right direction.

"This is not the end, this is just the start."

Green Party candidate Clare Keogh quadrupled the party's vote share, but just missed out on getting back her £500 deposit.

Miss Keogh also showed off her Irish dancing skills as the votes were being counted.

She said just before the candidates were called to the podium: "It's a really exciting night.

"We were sure Ed Davey would keep his seat."

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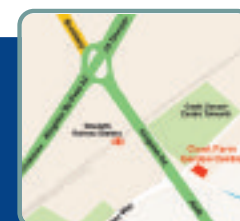
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### Fears historic pub could be target for developers

It is an attractive building, and I would not want to see this change. I am not a patron, but it is of benefit to have a choice.

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### Ed Davey defeated in terrible night for Liberal Democrats

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# Flawed consultation on 'Holland' scheme

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Following receipt of your letter, dated March 16, I contacted your project manager to express my concerns.

I sent a comprehensive response to your "consultation". This was published in its entirety by the local press.

To date, I have not received an acknowledgment, response or invitation to a subsequent meeting. All of which I find discourteous, to say the least.

I asked, as there were considerable changes to the scheme, if everybody would be re-consulted.

I was told that this was not necessary as everyone had already sent in their comments. I had been involved in that second meeting when the changes were agreed.

I referred to some of the

questions posed in my letter of March 1, namely whether the police, fire and ambulance services had been consulted and had submitted formal responses.

I was assured all this had been done and responses had been received and taken into account.

The project manager seemed to be taken aback when I asked to see copies of the emergency services' responses. He said he would have to check with senior officers and that he would get back to me. That was four weeks ago. I am, therefore, obliged to request, under the Freedom of Information act, that information.

I have to express my concerns on the failure of your own department to implement your own not-fit-for-purpose consultation procedures. I also express my concerns as a taxpayer on being misled by officers of the council.

Your strategy for the

Portsmouth Road scheme identified two groups of stakeholders and how each group would be dealt with.

Group one was residents and group two those with an interest in the scheme.

In this latter group, St Raphael's Church was specifically mentioned.

Following the information presentation on February 4, I called in at St Raphael's on the way home. They had no knowledge of your consultation even at that late date.

I understand they contacted you shortly afterwards for information.

I hope that others will join me in seeking full formal consultation over all information in the public domain for the public to make informed comments.

ANNE BLANCH  
 Kingston



Richard Mason sent in this photo of swans on the Hogsmill. To see your photo featured in Borough View, email it with details of where you took it to [jon.sharman@london.newsquest.co.uk](mailto:jon.sharman@london.newsquest.co.uk).

## Looking back Proposed cycle lane bad for wildlife

Re: Exhibition of old photos of Central Road, Worcester Park, at the Royal British Legion on May 2.

As planned, Rose Hyams, the owner of Worcester Park's longest-running independent high street store, opened the exhibition. Feedback was extremely positive, with many memories being jogged by the sight of old shop fronts.

It was impossible to keep track of how many people visited, but it would have to have been in the region of the high hundreds.

The only criticism we received was that it was very crowded. Happily, we received an invitation to put on the exhibition again at Maple House, which should give everyone a second chance to see the images next month.

RICHARD JOHNSON  
 Worcester Park

There is a proposal being put forward to use the wooded area adjacent to the railway line between New Malden station and the A3 for a cycle track.

This is a terrible idea. The land, that is owned by Thames Water, is an undisturbed habitat for wildlife, and to cut down these trees would mean the loss of a haven for birds and other animals.

There is a cycle track already in place linking New Malden to the A3 at the end of Cambridge Avenue, through the golf club, and it meets the underpass on the A3.

I would urge your readers, if they feel as strongly as I do, to oppose this plan.

I believe there is a petition being drawn up.

TERENCE JENKINS  
 New Malden

TWEETS  
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@normanlamb:  
 It's Mental Health Awareness Week! Really important moment! MUST maintain

momentum in cause of equality for those suffering mental ill health.

@ScarfDemon:  
 The sun has scorched the Earth. The moon no longer exists. This is due to emergency engineering works in the Surbiton area.

## Less safe than before

I am writing to express my concerns over the cycleway being built in Walton.

I do so as an experienced cyclist and cycling instructor.

What is being built is not fit for purpose and is an expensive waste of resources and opportunity.

Surrey has managed to take an initially poor design and, through the consultation process, make it worse and, finally, in its construction, further added insult to injury.

The cycle path was not intended to benefit so-called lycra-louts, it was made to encourage less experienced cyclists to take up riding.

It was claimed on BBC Surrey that this design was inspired by Dutch cycle infrastructure, a country where 70 per cent of journeys are by bike and no one feels the need to wear helmets.

The Walton scheme is dangerously removed from this ideal. In Holland, when a cycleway crosses a side road, the bike has right of way – along Walton, bikes must yield to traffic.

I know I must do this, but how many less experienced riders will? How many seven-year-old kids will look left, right and backwards before continuing on the cycleway?

At junctions in Holland, the road is raised to force traffic to slow as bikes cross. There is no such protection for Bridge Street, Hepworth Way and Terrace Road.

The Kingston mini-Holland proposals for Portsmouth Road incorporate this design, it is what the Department for Transport and Transport for London are adopting as the design stand for cycleways, yet Surrey's planners have maintained the out-dated design for Walton.

Following the death of a cyclist in Richmond recently, the coroner condemned the cycle path design as contributing to the collision. It was exactly the design being built in Walton.

There are good bits – the route across the bridge is excellent, but then it gets to the junction with Bridge Street and New Zealand Avenue and cyclists must dismount or rejoin the roadway.

There are five lanes of traffic here. Are the planners serious that 2m could not be found to keep the route continuous?

Despite popular myth, cyclists do not like riding on pavements, pedestrians are more unpredictable than cars, and the section of cycleway opposite the Heart has been widened by only 0.5m, while the opposite pavement is 5m wide.

The whole of this scheme replaces cycle-motor vehicle conflict with cycle-pedestrian conflict. The north bank has sign-posts and bollards in the middle of the cycle pathway and strange give-way lines that defy anything in the Highway Code.

Before the scheme was built, Walton was an intimidating place to cycle, but, cycling on the road, you were sure of the right of way if you were happy to cycle in traffic.

I will not use this pathway, and I would not encourage any confident cyclist to use the pathway, and here comes the final twist. I am safer on the road than the path but, because the roadway has been narrowed, I am less safe than I was.

Some £1.5m has been spent making cycling in Walton less safe than it used to be. I would urge the council to delay further building and revisit the key risks at the junctions.

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# CHARITY WALK FOR PEACE in pursuit of serving humanity

On Sun 31st May: See [www.CharityWalkForPeace.org](http://www.CharityWalkForPeace.org) for programme.

The Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam was founded by Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (peace be upon him) in 1889 who proclaimed to be the Promised Messiah and Mahdi (photo right) of the latter days awaited by all religions. Since its inception, the Community has tirelessly striven to present his message and the true interpretation of Islam to spread the message of peace and uniting communities with the motto of **"Love for All Hatred for None"**. From its humble beginnings in Qadian, a remote village in India, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is now established in over 200 countries with its membership in the tens of millions. The UK chapter of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam was established in 1913 and it is one of the oldest Muslim Communities in the UK.



Helping the less fortunate, the community has built more than 500 schools & colleges, over 30 hospitals, dispensaries and hospices in the poorest regions of the world which serve all, irrespective of their ability to pay.

**The Khalifa of Islam:** Under the guidance of its spiritual leader, His Holiness Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (photo right), the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community continues to serve humanity and actively engages in caring of the under privileged, regardless of their colour, caste, creed or religion.



At a time when many local and small charities are struggling to raise funds, His Holiness has directed the organisers of the walk to support even more local charities to serve the most vulnerable. In the last five years the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has raised **£2,000,000** including £250,000 for Her Majesty's charitable causes during Jubilee Year. In 2014, the Charity Walks by the Community raised over **£690,000**.

*"...I must say that every Ahmadi who lives in Great Britain is an extremely loyal citizen of the country and loves it; and this is because of the teachings of our Prophet [Muhammad] (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) who instructed us that love of one's country is an integral part of one's faith."*

(Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad - Khalifa of Islam)

## THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY: CHARITY WALK FOR PEACE 2015

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The Ahmadiyya Muslim Association has been organising charity walks for well over two decades. Since 1985, 189 UK based charities have benefited to provide specialised care to some of the most vulnerable people of the world. With the blessings of God and the immense support of our volunteers, the Community has donated to various charities which include: 'Samaritans' (Croydon and Sutton), 'Friends in St Helier', 'Age UK', 'Action for Children', 'Alzheimers Society', 'British Heart Foundation', 'Humanity First', 'Water for Life', 'Gift of Sight' projects, 'Mind Croydon', 'Royal London Society For Blind People', 'We are McMillan Cancer Support', Royal Marsden Cancer Charity and many other local and national charities.

We are proud to have the **Royal British Legion** as partners for the Charity Walk for Peace 2015 event.

**All organisers are unpaid volunteers and**  
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In the past five years, the members of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community have sponsored **over 21,000** cataract surgeries in Burkina Faso and other Sub-Saharan countries, along with a pledge to raise £500,000 over the next 3 years to build a state-of-the-art Masroor Eye Hospital in a sub-Saharan African country.



The 2014 Charity Walk was held at Baitul Futuh Mosque Complex on 8th June 2014. It was officially started by the Mayor of Merton. Over 2000 participants took part and helped raise **£360,000** for a number of charities. Walkers of all ages travelled from all over the country and were cheered on by members of the public along the route.

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## Evergreen star

Pop star Will Young will be signing copies of his new album in Banquet Records on Wednesday, 28 May.

Young won the first Pop Idol back in 2002 when he unexpectedly beat a teenage Gareth Gates.

He has been out of the music spotlight recently while focusing on acting and his appearance in the 2013 London revival of Cabaret won him a Laurence Olivier Award for best actor in a musical nomination.

In the week Young's sixth album, 85% Proof is released he will be visiting



Kingston for a signing. Banquet Records owner Jon Tolley says: "[Young] is one of the finest pop stars of recent years and the fact he won a TV talent show all those years back is totally irrelevant – his musicianship surpasses all connotations of those types of TV programmes."

● **Will Young album signing; Banquet Records, Eden Street, Kingston; Wednesday, May 28; £9.99 CD and ticket; banquetrecords.com.**

## Get your finger out

There will be a raft of family activities available for free over the half term as Kingston takes part in "Thumbs up it's Thursday".

On May 28 parents with children aged three to 11 can enjoy arts and crafts workshops, storytelling and a cruise along the Thames to Hampton Court Palace all for free.

Activities that can be enjoyed free include:

- Beading workshops at Bead Time in Castle Street
- Arts and crafts workshops in the Eden Walk Shopping Centre
- Storytelling in John Lewis, Kingston library

• Making and learning about creepy creations in Kingston Museum

• A Scavenger hunt organised by White Stuff in Church Street

• Children aged three to 11 can take free boat trips at 10.30am and 11.15am from Turk Launches to Hampton Court. Adult tickets cost £7.60

● **Thumbs up it's Thursday; various locations; Thursday, May 28, 9.30am to 4.30pm; free; kingstonfirst.co.uk.**



## Northern Broadsides artistic director Barrie Rutter talks to RACHAEL BURFORD about the staging of Shakespeare's King Lear at the Rose Theatre

# King of CHAOS

**K**ing Lear is one of Shakespeare's most revered tragedies. The story of a family at war, headed by an ageing and deeply flawed king has been described as one of the most intense and dramatic stage experiences.

Like most of Shakespeare's work, it has been re-interpreted and re-imagined countless times.

But Northern Broadsides theatre company is promising its new version is "stripped back to its heart and soul".

The company brings King Lear to the Rose Theatre

this month, a venue that is becoming a home from home for the Halifax-based group.

Following critically-acclaimed productions of Rutherford & Son in 2013, and last year's She Stoops To Conquer, Rose audiences' expectations will be high.

So the news that the company has turned once again to the great Jonathan Miller, who directed the award-winning Rutherford, will be welcomed.

Northern Broadsides artistic director Barrie Rutter plays Lear, and says

Miller's vision makes it one of the most powerful versions of Shakespeare's tragedy.

"On the first day of rehearsal [Miller] said this is a play about people talking to each other," says Rutter.

"It is important to remember that this is a play not a film. Everything comes from the way these people

talk to each other."

The production will be the stripped back to basics, but still set in the time it was written.

Despite this Rutter says this is not your traditional King Lear production.

He says: "The costumes represent 1605, but that is as far as we go in terms of tradition."

"The setting is very simple and it is beautifully lit. There are no big curtains which is refreshing."

"The simplicity of the production helps the story speed up and our version is two hours 20 minutes long."

For Rutter and Northern Broadsides this is a welcome return to Kingston.

Rutter says: "We have been on tour for nine weeks and the audience reaction has been fantastic."

"We were the first touring company to play the Rose when we brought Henry V there back in 2002."

"It really is a great theatre to play."

"We have 14 people in the cast, which is now relatively rare for a touring company and the Kingston audience can expect a clear vision of the story."

## Vibe SHORTS

**MAKE SOMETHING:** Crafty Afty is back at the Cornerhouse in May. The workshop is crafting in its widest definition. From card-making to metal structures the event is suitable for from beginners to experts and is completely free. Hot drinks and home-made cakes will also be available.

● **Crafty Afty; Cornerhouse, Surbiton; May 23, 1pm to 4pm; free; thech.org.**

**TIGER TIGER:** The classic children's book The Tiger Who Came to Tea is hitting the stage at the Rose Theatre at the end of the month. The doorbell rings just as Sophie and her mum are sitting down to tea and the family find a tiger at their door. The family show is packed with magic, songs and clumsy chaos for children aged three and above.

● **The Tiger Who Came to Tea; Rose Theatre, Kingston; Tuesday, May 26, to Saturday, May 30; from £11.50; rosetheatrekingston.org**

**CELEBRATE VICTORY:** There is less than two weeks left to catch the VE Day Remembered exhibition at the Rose Theatre. The free audio installation by Digital Drama comprises of recorded memories of VE Day and marks the 70th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

● **V.E. Day Remembered; April 28 to May 21; free; rosetheatrekingston.org.**

**UP FOR THE CRACK:** This month Kerry Godliman, best known for starring alongside Ricky Gervais in Channel Four's Derek, will be bringing her stand up show to Crack Comedy in Kingston. Godliman will be supported by northerner Luke Benson.

● **Kerry Godliman at Crack Comedy; The Crackers, Fairfield South; May 23, 8.30pm; £10; crackcomedy.com.**

### KING LEAR

● **Rose Theatre, Kingston; Tuesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 23; from £9; rosetheatrekingston.org**





**After a relatively quiet few years the nation's favourite fox is touring across the country with his new show The Basil Brush Show. NAZIA DEWJI caught up with Basil for a chat about life past, present and future**

# FOX on the BOX

**N**azia Dewji: What have you been up to recently?

Basil Brush: All my old mates have gone on to do marvellous things so now I team up with Mr Stephen. But it has been 15 years since I made my comeback. I was on CBBC until 2012 and now I am pushing my

full-on programme. Some people think I was born on stage, but I actually started off with magician David Nixon.

**ND: What can audiences expect from your upcoming shows?**

BB: I think they are going to love it. It is going to be a 4D experience. I want to get all the little boys and girls into the theatre and the grown-ups too. It's going to be interactive and so much fun.

**ND: Basil, you were the first puppet to ever win a game show after you won the Weakest Link in 2010. How did you feel about that?**

BB: They thought I was as daft as a bat but I was as cunning as a fox. I am pretty good at game shows.

**ND: Where do you see yourself in the future?**

BB: I could see myself running for Prime Minister or I could represent Surrey.

**ND: The people of south-west London are not huge fans of urban foxes. How do you feel about that?**

BB: I'm not an urban fox. I'm a posh fox. I love visiting the Richmond Hill Hotel or the Petersham Hotel – they both suit me just fine. I do enjoy an afternoon tea where

I can dunk my ginger nuts too.

**ND: What is your favourite joke?**

BB: At the moment, English football. It's often very funny. What do you call a deer with no eyes? No-eye-deer. Boom boom! I think the grown-ups might think they have heard it before though.

**ND: How often do you go to the dentist?**

BB: I go about two or three times a year but I've only got a couple of teeth so I do most of the work myself.

**ND: You've always been quite trendy. Where do you shop?**

BB: I know, I am quite dapper. But I can't always pick clothes off the peg because I can't always reach. But I often go down to Baby Gap.

**I'm not an urban fox. I'm a posh fox**

## The **Vibe** interview

### BASIL BRUSH

● Basil Brush Show ○ Epsom Playhouse, Ashley Avenue, Epsom; May 27, 11am and 2.30pm; £12; 01372 742555, [epsomplayhouse.co.uk](http://epsomplayhouse.co.uk) ○ Richmond Golf Club, Sudbrook Lane, Richmond; June 21, 1pm; £10; 020 8940 4351, visit [therichmondgolfclub.com](http://therichmondgolfclub.com) ○ Fairfield Halls, Ashcroft Theatre, Park Lane, Croydon; July 22, 11am and 2.30pm; £15.50, children £13.50; 020 8688 9291, [www.fairfield.co.uk](http://www.fairfield.co.uk).

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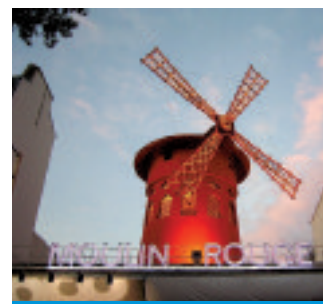
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Brian was shocked when Ann Dickman, manager of the office called to tell him he had won the prize. He said: "I was so surprised as I never win anything."

Paying a reduced fee means that there's more money available for their move to Ireland where he and his wife are planning on retiring to this year. Having lived with his wife and family in the house for 30 years, he is sad to leave the home they had renovated, extended, and made their own.

His friendly lurcher wandered in and out and she will enjoy the open

spaces of Cork when the move eventually takes place. The couple had talked about moving to Ireland many years ago but for one reason and another it didn't happen.

Their dream was always to move and open a B&B, so hopefully they can buy their dream home and move to enjoy a new lifestyle.

Brian said: "If I could take this house and all the surrounding area with us then I would."

"But our neighbours aren't losing a neighbour as much as they're gaining a holiday home."

Brian chose Goodfellows because he liked Ann's way and demeanour, saying how easy she was to get on with. It's clear that the rapport with Ann and the her team helped to ensure that a buyer was found for the Thomas' home.

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there and back. It might give me a bit of a headache at such close range, so I might have to wear ear muffs.

**What is your dream car?** The latest Jaguar is pretty special and I loved driving a friend's Aston Martin. It's difficult because I don't have a garage and I once came back from holiday to find my car squashed up the pavement with two of its wheels falling off.

**Could I bear to do that to my dream car?** No. So I'm going to plump for an Audi TT.

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**Tell me one driving anecdote from your past?** I was driving a Mini

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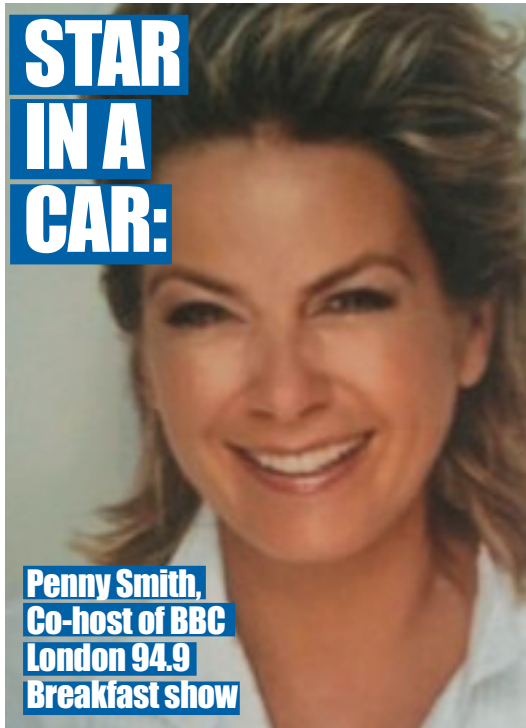
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## Sharpes' title bid falls at final hurdle

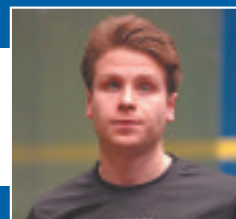
Kingston squash professional Charles Sharpes saw his Premier Squash League title bid fall short of silverware last week.

The 23-year-old, *right*, was part of the St George's Hill Squash Club

squad that crashed 3-2 to champions Duffield in last Thursday's final.

Sharpes lost 3-1 to Richie Fallows in the final having beaten Nick Sutcliffe 3-0 in Tuesday's 4-1 semi-final triumph over Coolhurst in Weybridge.

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**NEW FACES:** Former Ks striker tops the Ryman Premier League's most wanted

# McCollin is a man in demand

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Ex-Kingstonian striker Andre McCollin may be on the brink of a Ryman Premier League return, but it might not be at Kingsmeadow.

The former Yeovil Town striker was released by Aldershot Town last week, having scored just four goals in 28 appearances for the Conference Premier outfit.

The 30-year-old, who scored 30 goals for Ks when partnered with Ryan Moss two seasons ago, joined the Shots in October, having scored 12 goals in 23 appearances under boss Tommy Williams in the opening months of last season.

But the Kingsmeadow chief has been in constant dialogue with the striker since he left the club and has already discussed his plans for next term with the player.

But Ks will face stiff competition from elsewhere in the game with ex-boss Alan Dowson, now at

Hampton & Richmond Borough, keen to pair McCollin with Beveree legend Charlie Moore.

"He was great for me at Kingstonian and I'm putting my hat in the ring to get him to Hampton," said Dowson, who met with the striker last week.

"I am probably one of a long list of managers hoping to sign him, but it would be massive to bring him here."

But Williams reckoned Ks had

as good a chance as anyone else of landing the prolific hitman.

"I've got a good relationship with Andre. He is a great character and someone we would obviously love to have in the team," he added.

"I thought he did OK in the Conference, but was unlucky the manager who signed him was sacked shortly after he got there.

"I've kept in touch with him. He loves the club and has come back to watch us a few times since he left.

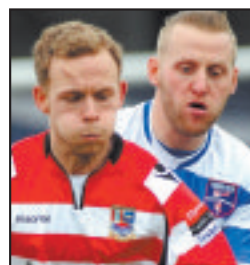
"We have a budget that we have to stick to and there are lots of other clubs interested in him too. He knows this level inside out, but he is keeping his options open."

Dowson swooped for Ks midfielder Josh Casey last week as Hampton loosen the purse strings in a bid to return to the Conference South.

Williams has countered that move by securing the services of Malachi Hudson on a one-year contract after the former Walton Casuals man impressed during a two month loan spell from Welling United last term.

"I have no hard feelings towards Josh. Player movement is part and parcel of football," said Williams.

"We made him an



**Off:** Josh Casey, left, has signed for Hampton & Richmond Borough

offer, but Hampton are going with a big budget at the start of the season and he has moved for a fresh challenge.

"I do not hold that against him and thank him for his efforts."



**Mad for it:** Casuals striker Jamie Byatt has spoken of his desire to keep scoring at King George's Field next term

Jamie Byatt has committed himself to Corinthian Casuals and new boss James Bracken, writes Tim Ashton.

The 33-year-old striker wants to spearhead another Casuals charge up the Ryman Division One South after his goals helped them hit historic heights last season.

Under Matt Howard, who has left for Carshalton Athletic, Casuals finished 13th in the table last term, picking up their highest ever points tally.

Byatt hit 27 goals in all

competitions last season, on top of 32 the season before, and he is hopeful for more in a Casuals shirt, despite his growing years.

He said: "I enjoy where I am playing and I have a great group of players at Casuals setting me up.

"I am getting older, but if I keep getting the service and keep putting it in the back of the net, then hopefully I can keep doing that next year.

"We got the best points record that Casuals have ever had, which is good, and we finished 13th, which is maybe

a little disappointing, we could have finished higher."

He added: "But I am going nowhere, 100 per cent I shall be staying with Casuals and I am really looking forward to working with James [Bracken] – and you never know, we could get even more points next season.

"It was a little bit of a surprise when Matt left, but some managers are always looking to move on and it is hard for Casuals to keep hold of them when they don't pay, but I wish Matt and Luke [Garrard] all the best."



**All hands on deck:** Former Walton Casuals coach Neil Hams, centre, ex-Tooting & Mitcham skipper Alex O'Brien and former Ks boss Alan Dowson, right

## Community spirit

Former Kingstonian manager and a host of the Ks past and present played a benefit match in honour of former Walton Casuals coach Neil Hams on Sunday.

Defender Gary MacDonald and current Ks goalkeeper Rob Tolfrey were among those that helped raise money for Hams, who suffers from motor neurone disease

## SPORTSbrief

**LIVING IT UP:** New Malden Wanderers skipper James Wackett lived up to his name as he smashed 43 off 36 balls to help his side to a 13-run opening day win at Old Whitgiftians in Surrey Championship Division One on Saturday. Wackett's efforts helped his side post 267 all out from 49.3 overs – with extras the leading scorer on 63. Adam Clarke's 101 and 61 from Joe Murtagh left the hosts to rue their bowlers' profligacy as they reached 256 for nine in reply. Wanderers head to Ashted this weekend.

**TWO TON JAMES:** Chessington's James McNeil hit his second century of the summer as his side opened up their Surrey Championship Division Two campaign with victory at Dulwich. McNeil, who hit 132\* on his debut in a friendly at Farnham in April, scored 124 as skipper Daniel Yarnley's men posted 243 for nine on Saturday, before Taidh Randall took 4-33 to dismiss the hosts for 127. Chessington host Worcester Park – winners by two wickets at Ashford on Saturday – this week.

**HERO TRIO:** Tom Parry, Matthew Houlden and Chris Dack were the heroes as Kingston & Polytechnic Harriers started their British Athletics League Division Two season with a fourth placed finish in Crawley on Saturday. The trio collected three crucial A string event wins for the team between them. Parry, 22, clocked a new personal best of 53.83 seconds to win the 400m hurdles, before Houlden, 22, leaped to triple jump victory with a distance of 14.37 metres. Veteran Dack threw 15.55m to win the men's shot.

**PRE-SEASON:** Kingstonian will take on Chelsea and Millwall as they warm-up for next term's Ryman Premier League campaign. The newly crowned Premier League champions will bring a select XI to Kingsmeadow on July 13, while the League One Lions pitch up on July 21. The club is also hunting a new club secretary and interested parties can contact co-chairman John Fenwick via email at [chairman@kingstonian.com](mailto:chairman@kingstonian.com). For further details visit [kingstonian.com](http://kingstonian.com).

**TRIPLE BRONZE:** Kingston Royals swimmers collected three bronze medals from the second week of the London Swimming Championships at the weekend. Dylan Conway clocked two minutes 39.42 seconds to claim third in the U15 boys' 200m breast stroke before repeating the trick in the 200m individual medley [2:19.92]. Clubmate Lucy Hawley was third in the U15 girls' 200m breast stroke in 2:52.57. The championships take a break this weekend until May 30.

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